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In connection with the above-identified patent application, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment be entered prior to examination of the application.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows. The specification is amended in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

Please insert the following paragraph after the Title of the present invention.

(New) This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No.

60/229,874 filed August 31, 2000, entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DATA

MANAGEMENT, and which is in its entirety incorporated herewith by reference.